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Ahnee (Hello)!

Exciting news!! We went International with our email blast! Visitors from the Brazilian Rotary International came to visit Peshawbestown and asked to subscribe to our weekly announcements. Below is a picture of the group when they visited Eyaawing:



I hope I get the names correctly of those pictured above. (L-R) Etevaldo de Miranda Junior, Adilson Moraes dos Santos, Moema Duarte Ribeiro de Oliveira, Larissa Barros de Alencar, and Semio Pessoa Timeni Segundo). Also, thank you to Tanya Wanageshik for providing a tour for our Brazilian friends!

Speaking of our new Museum and Cultural Center, Eyaawing, what a great day we had on May 30th. The 6:00 AM sunrise ceremony was well attended and enjoyed by all, and then the public Grand Opening in the afternoon brought out the tribal membership, community members and visitors to the area. I want to thank the Traverse City Record Eagle for providing two days of front page coverage (with pictures!) on Saturday and Sunday's editions. The coverage in Saturday's paper brought out even more to take part in the afternoon event. Guest speaker, George Bennett (past Tribal Chairman and Tribal Councilor) spoke to the effort of making the museum a reality and of the two Bald Eagles that are a part of the museum story. Megwetch Mr. Bennett!



Richard Schmuckal, Leelanau County Commissioner, enjoys Eyaawing's Grand Opening. We fully appreciate the support from elected local officials. Megwetch (Thank you)!

The Grand Traverse Resort and Spa recently received confirmation that they will be hosting the National Indian Council on Aging (NICOA) to be held September 2010. We are extremely pleased and honored to be hosting this event at one of our tribal properties. This conference will bring in tribal citizens from all across Indian Country and should potentially be a prime opportunity for federal officials within the United States government to attend and present. We will keep you updated as the planning progresses. Speaking of the Resort Staff, here is a picture of our front desk when you check in:



**Front row (L-R) Grant Channing (General Manager) and Scott Chouinard (Resort CFO)
Back row (L-R) Rachel, Mike and Mindy
We are extremely proud of our dedicated staff at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa!**

This Saturday, June 6th at 2:00 PM, we will be recognizing all graduates from Kitchi Minogining, our tribal school. The graduation ceremony takes place in the Showroom at Leelanau Sands Casino. We are very proud of our youths' accomplishments and abilities! This past week I held meetings that pertained to education and working together to better assist our youth in succeeding both educationally and professionally.



Meeting with Junior Achievement representatives. (L-R) Leland Michaels (District Manager), William Coderre (President) and Kevin Endres (Volunteer and Board Member).



Representing the Traverse City College Preparatory Academy (TCCPA) are Levi Rickert (Wamimi Employment/Consulting) and Raymond Gant (TCCPA Management).



I had the pleasure to meet this week as well with individuals from TART Trails and TC-TALUS (Traverse City Area Transportation and Land Use Study). Pictured (L-R); Bob Otwell, Matt Skeels and Bob Wick.



I finally had a free/open morning so I was able to attend a monthly Department Manager's meeting. It was rewarding to see the focus and initiatives taking place to increase efficiency and productivity, especially during these difficult financial times. Megwetch GTB governmental staff! I also want to thank all of our Gaming employees for their commitment to our properties and high level of customer service!!



This morning, I met with Antrim County officials and we had a "surprise" guest, Senator Jason Allen came in and shared a few words. Megwetch Senator! Pictured above (L-R); Dorothy Dunnville, Sharon Vreeland, Senator Allen, and Wayne Kladder.

One last mention: On Saturday, from 3-6 PM in Mancelona, there is an educational pow wow event taking place. Please contact Pat Putney (534-7762) for more information and driving directions.

Have an enjoyable weekend and week!

Chairman Bailey

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